(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. The Government of Karnataka has requested for sanction of 11313 additional Angdnwadi Centres. The proposal for sanction of additional Anganwadi Centres is under process.

UGC grant's to Madhya Pradesh

†3296. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Universities and Colleges in Madhya Pradesh which have received U.G.C. grants during the Tenth Five Year Plan period;

(b) the criterion for receiving such grant; and

(c) the number of the colleges which are not getting any grant from the University Grants Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) According to the information furnished by University Grants Commission (UGC), during Xth Plan 10 Universities and 314 Colleges of Madhya Pradesh have received general development grant from the UGC.

(b) The Universities and Colleges covered under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 which fulfill the criteria laid down in the Xth Plan guidelines are eligible to receive UGC grant. As per information provided by the UGC, the grants for individual institutions is determined on the basis of minimum prescribed number of teaching departments, number of permanent teachers and students.

(c) As per information provided by the UGC, 157 colleges which do not fulfill the criteria laid down in the Xth Plan guidelines have not been provided general development grant from the UGC during Xth Plan.

Grant of Central University Status

†3297. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have rejected the proposal with regard to

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according the status of Central University to Sagar and Rewa Universities submitted by the Government of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, The National Policy on Education, 1986, as modified in 1992, states that in the near future, the main emphasis will be on consolidation of facilities rather than on their expansion. Programme of Action, 1992, also directs that given the necessity to arrest the declining trend in the flow of plan funds from the UGC to state universities and colleges, the severe constraint of resources and the need to provide adequate infrastructure in newer Central Universities established in the North-East, the Government would not be in a position to conside proposal for according Central University status to Sagar and Rewa Universities at present.

Mushrooming of private universities

3298. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/proposed by the University Grants Commission to stem the mushrooming of the private universities, which in many cases endanger the academic careers of a large number of students enrolled therein;

(b) the names of the private universities approved by the U.G.C during the last three years ending the 31st March, 2005; and

(c) the number of cases for approval of private universities pending with the U.G.C. as on the 1st April, 2005 and by where these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The incorporation, regulation and winding up of Universities is within the competence of the State Legislatures. However, in order to maintain standards of higher education the UGC (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003 were issued on 27th December, 2003 and are in force. These Regulations apply to every privatre university